

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Sahib et al. : Examiner: Christina Bradley
Serial No. 10/523,999 :
Filed: February 9, 2005 : Art Unit: 1654
For: Process for the extraction and isolation of insulin from recombinant sources:
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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE FILED UNDER 37 C. F. R. §1.116
(RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON DECEMBER 12, 2008)

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Dear Sir:

This paper is a supplemental response to the final Office action mailed December 12, 2008 which sets a shortened statutory period for response of 3 months with a due date for a response of on or before March 12, 2009. This response includes a Request for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R 1.136(a) for an extension of three (3) months and a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R 1.114. Thus, this response is being timely filed on or before June 12, 2009.

Applicants would initially like to thank the Examiner for meeting with representatives Mr. Douglas W. Robinson and Dr. O. Sam Zaghmout on May 8, 2009 to discuss the issues presented in the Final Rejection of December 12, 2009.

At the interview, applicant's representatives discussed the proposed amendments to claim 130 and other claims pending in the application which were

submitted March 12, 2009. This amendment had been refused entry by the examiner as raising new issues and requiring further consideration after a final rejection.

The examiner had reviewed the proposed amendments and indicated that if an RCE was filed and the amendments entered, the claims would likely distinguish over the prior art currently relied upon.

However, the examiner did indicate that a further search would be required and that it was likely that new prior art would be found which might be applicable to the newly amended claims.

Applicants' representatives indicated that an RCE would likely be timely filed and that any new ground of rejection would be addressed when applied.

The examiner had no further suggestions or direction as to possible amendments which would likely be deemed allowable.

Applicants, hereby, requests entry of the amendments to the claims as presented in the response filed on March 12, 2009.

Also, in that response applicants made every effort to address each ground of rejection raised by the Examiner. In the Office action of December 12, 2008, the Examiner rejected the claims 130-133, 135-137, and 140-142. In the amendments filed on March 12, 2009, Claims 131, 135, and 138 were cancelled and Claims 130, 132, 136, and 141 were amended in the manner discussed at the personal interview. Thus, Claims 130, 132-133, 136-137 and 140-142 are pending. Support for the amendment can be found in the present application. Accordingly, no question of new matter should arise, and entry of this amendment is respectfully